

OYSTER CULTURE IN JAPAN

Over Two Centuries Ago, the Orientals Were Engaged in Industry of Recent Origin Here.

The backwardness and unprogressiveness of the element of our population that opposes oyster culture are indicated by a fact stated in the National Geographic Magazine, namely, that the Japanese were cultivating oysters over two centuries ago on the only practical basis of individual control of the oyster bottoms. This intelligent people long ago saw what our politicians do not yet see—that reaping without sowing is as improvident and ruinous in aquaculture as in agriculture. "It comes as a shock to our national pride," says the National Geographic Magazine for May, "that the Japanese should have taken up oyster culture a century before our nation was born and have recognized the most essential factor in successful cultivation, namely, individual ownership or control of the oyster bottoms, when we remember that in the most important oyster region in the world, within a short distance of the capital of the United States, the vital principles of oyster culture are ignored and efforts to apply them are resisted sometimes by force of arms." Happily for the Japs, among them the least intelligent are not permitted to dictate the policy of the state to their own hurt and to the injury of large public interests.

Not only do the Japs cultivate with great profit the common oyster, but they cultivate also the pearl oyster. They stimulate the pearl secretion artificially, with the result that every year they have 1,250,000 oysters under treatment and obtain annually some 250,000 pearls. Among us the raising of terrapin is an unsolved problem, so that we are facing the extinction of the diamond-back and of other less valued varieties. But the Japs for years have been placing artificially grown terrapin on the market. Near Tokio a single farm markets yearly a crop of about 50,000 to 60,000 terrapin. In view of facts like this it seems to be "up to" our people to take a comprehensive view of their valuable but neglected water areas—areas which under intelligent management are capable of producing, per acre, crops largely exceeding in value those grown on land. We boast of our position in the van of modern progress, but in respect to the utilization of our natural resources we are far in the rear of the Japanese. In fact we regard our oyster bottoms from the point of view of primitive savages who hold their land in common and senselessly consume its products without provision for their renewal.

WOMAN'S WOES.

Hopkinsville Women Are Finding Relief at Home.

It does seem that women have more than a fair share of the aches and pains that afflict humanity; they must "keep up," must attend to duties in spite of constantly aching backs, or headaches, dizzy spells, bearing down pains; they must stoop over, when to stoop over means torture. They must walk and bend and work with racking pains and many aches from kidney ills. Kidneys cause more suffering than any other organ of the body. Keep the kidneys well and health is easily maintained. Read of a remedy for kidney ills only that helps and cures the kidneys and is endorsed by people you know.

Mrs. John Coombs, of 1226 South Virginia street, says: "For a great many years I suffered with a persistent aching across my loins and through the kidneys. At times my back was so bad that I could hardly turn in bed and I could hardly lie on my back at all without placing my hand under it which seemed in some measure to relieve the pain. A friend of Mr. Coombs told him about Doan's Kidney Pills and he got a box for me at Thomas & Trahern's drug store. On using them I steadily improved until the dreadful aching was relieved and I could attend to my household duties without any inconvenience. They did more for me than any medicine I ever used and I gladly recommend them."

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The United States gunboat Duquesne is aground in lower New York bay.

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MAKING OF THE BASEBALL.

The Industry Established in 1858 Employs Hundreds of People Who Have Learned Art.

This is the story of a baseball. It begins with a rubber core. Then it extends through hundreds of yards of wool yarn to a horsehide cover. More hundreds of yards of wool yarn give the resiliency, or "bounce." Then comes cement, and an outside cover within the prescribed weight and circumference laid down by the league magnates, says the Boston Globe.

To every lover of the national game the following facts will be of interest:

Half a century ago the game of "rounders" gave a quick eye, a well-developed arm, a deep chest and a fleet foot to thousands of youngsters at "recess."

If some of the old "yarn balls" made by mothers and grandmothers had been preserved they would be priceless to-day as relics. Those balls were "swatted" out of shape in the twinkling of an eye.

Then a "kid" cover was sewed over the yarn ball. It was cut in eighths of a circle, just as the orange skin is divided. This was promptly knocked off in the second inning, but it gave a third inning for the yarn.

Harrison Harwood, of Natick, was a lover of the game. He had "swatted" yarn into the comelike streamers and had batted "kid" covers half way across the "lot."

In 1855 he designed a two-piece cover. It was like what is now called a "toggle" joint. In other words, there were two hemispheres of leather, connected by a narrow isthmus, into which two other hemispheres fitted snugly. This was the first step. But the construction made it a "dead" ball.

Fashions for the Midsummer



SUMMER GIRLS.

Lingerie waists blossom on every tree, and an infinite variety of them there is. As Dame Rumor says they are to be worn until late in the fall. It would be well for the far-sighted maid to see that her stock is kept up.

How shall we begin to select and describe when there are such numbers to choose from? Perhaps we had better plunge in and bring forth what we may. Here is one of finest dotted swiss, the dots very small. It is made with a round neck—the kind becoming only to the happy maid with perfect throat and shoulders. It is a sort of baby waist, very simple, a few gathers giving fullness in front, the back plain. The sleeves are quite full and extend just below the elbow, where a deep frill of wide footing edged with narrow lace flows softly over the arm. The neck is finished with narrower footing likewise lace edged. Simple as can be, but if well cut and fitted very effective.

Tucks have much place on the lingerie waist, and are very attractive in summer, emphasizing the sheerness of the materials. One waist had a wide strip of fine insertion down the front, on either side were long rows of tucks alternating with short clusters. At the shoulder a deep under plait gave the proper fullness, for the waist set well over the bust. This plait was "discovered" some years ago, but its value is still appreciated.

There is no end of lace waists, but personally we prefer the thin materials that are not so elaborate or ostentatious as the heavy and rich all-over patterns—the plain materials infinitely preferable to cheap imitation laces. Even the best of the all-overs look fussy rather than cool and fresh.

We noticed a cool-looking maid this morning. A black silk skirt, a sheer white lingerie waist, elbow sleeves and long black silk gloves. The hat was a white panama with a China silk scarf wound about it, the parasol a long-handled affair of white pongee. She could have worn this costume anywhere of a summer day, provided it was as fresh and crisp as when I saw it.

Handles of parasols are very long

again, for which we may be thankful—we need not get our hats scraped off now when a friend gallantly essays to save us the fatigue of carrying the sunshade. Wash gloves have ousted all others; milks and fingered "handshuhs" are worn. It is the best to have the gloves and stockings match the costume rather than contrast, and one should be very careful to get right shades. Sometimes the girl behind the counter will inform you in indifferent manner that it is impossible to get certain shades in silk gloves, but a little searching at the better stores will reward you with a rainbow array from which to make selection. The dealers are supplied with hose and gloves in every imaginable tone.

There are shown pretty shoes of black patent leather with white uppers. Bits of white on the shoes are a novelty recently introduced, and are quite an addition to the sober black to which we are accustomed. Canvas gaiters are an excellent novelty, the old time woolen gaiters were entirely too heating. There is many a cool day when the low shoe is a trifle too cool, and the canvas "spat" will come in well.

Underclothes deserve a word, for there is noticeable a decided change in summer underwear. Everything is made of softest material and there is more simplicity of appearance; not so much lace and insertion and beading, but finer, less showy work. Embroidery in white, eyelets and scallops in white, make these affairs cost money, but the appearance is quite simple. As a rule, the lingerie waists open in the back, and the opening of the corset cover necessarily should be hidden. The fullness at the back, is drawn down in small tucks.

Very pretty pongee petticoats are offered for sale, the first cost that of a good silk petticoat; but they make a more economical investment, wash so beautifully and wear so well. The gray silk pongees are especially good. And by the way, gray silk stockings this year are lovely, in the many tones of gray that the season shows in costumes.

Some Popular Linen Dresses

In England one can buy linen for something like ten cents a yard. It costs five times that and more here, many times more for very good—but it is worn this season by everyone.

White comes first in favor, and then may be mentioned the gobbelin blue, cream and tans, delft blue, navy blue, greens and raspberry shades. Linen should always be well shrunk before it is made up, and if the shrinking is done at home this is the plan to follow: Pour boiling water on the goods, let stand until cool, hang up carefully, the material pulled into shape, and iron when still very damp. This will insure against further shrinking, and the ironing while wet brings out the gloss that makes linen so attractive. In making, have the pressing well done; a tailor look is the proper thing for the linen suit.

Some of the better sort, perhaps we may say the majority, are made with no trimming save straps of self material. A few very good ones are trimmed with a heavy open work, have elbow sleeves with turn-back cuff, and girdles of silk instead of the belt of linen or some wash trimming. These are for linen costumes, though the coat suits are more severe.

Some of the linen dresses have only cuffs and collars of openwork embroidery, and occasionally heavy Irish crochet is used. There is quite a liking for collar and cuffs of contrasting color; this is a feature of the present season. Skirts are short, but there is not noticeable the rise in the back as last year. If the skirt escapes the ground an inch in the front, it will be elevated only an inch and a half in the back now.

Coats for linen suits are made semi-fitting in the back, square box front is adorned with large pearl buttons. The sleeves, very full at the shoulders, are large and have plain stitched cuffs. Skirts are not so voluminous as they promised to be, fit close about the hips and the flare, though considerable, is not exaggerated.

For summer travelling, there will be



OF LINEN.

worn with silk skirts long coats of linen matching in color. Shoes and stockings of like shade add to the style of the costume, especially in browns and tans. And speaking of footwear, there are now offered the most attractive embroidered white canvas shoes, which, worn with open-work stockings, complete a white embroidered costume very prettily. Our grandmothers, you remember, had great fondness for white hosiery, and we are coming to appreciation of what they approved.

ELLEN OSMONDE.

A Profitable Earthquake.
Earthquakes occasionally profit mankind, as in the case of Ouzoun-Ada, a town on the Caspian. The port of the town was visited by an earthquake last year, and since then it has been found open to steamers which could not enter it before, owing to shallow water.

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